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DEVICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2003, the period for responding thereto expiring after April 28, 2003, the period for responding thereto not being extended for more than one month, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Please rewrite the paragraphs on page 8, lines 1-17 as follows:**

The operation of the first mode of the invention is explained, referring to the timing chart as shown in Figure 1, concerning about the interlace solid-state image pickup device with the vertical OFD for the blooming control. The structure of the interlace solid-state image pickup device is explained, referring to Figures 7 to 9 and 12.